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EXAMINING GROUP 2613

PATENT  
1163-0270P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshimi ISU et al. Conf.: 6441  
Appl. No.: 09/529,304 Group: 2613  
Filed: April 12, 2000 Examiner: Tung T. VO  
For: IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE CODING  
APPARATUS, IMAGE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM &  
ENCODED BIT STREAM CONVERTING APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 19, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 17, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 and 4-17.

☐ This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicants hereby petition for an extension of three (3) months pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☐ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☒ An extension of one (1) month for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on February

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13, 2004. Thus a fee of \$840.00 is required to obtain an additional two (2) months for filing the Notice of Appeal.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☒ Large entity - \$330.00

☐ Small Entity - \$165.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,170.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☒ A check in the amount of \$1,170.00 is enclosed.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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